

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1211

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jermia Jerdine, Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jermia Jerdine, who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service she has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, an author and business owner known as Mia Jaye, Jermia Jerdine grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and received her bachelor's degree in real estate from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, it was in Memphis where she met her life partner, Young Dolph, and their joyous union produced two wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, she released her first book, which encouraged healthy eating among children, after the birth of her first child and shortly thereafter established her business MOMEQ, focusing on supporting women on their journeys as mothers to live healthy and fulfilled lives; and

WHEREAS, after losing her brother to interracial gun violence in May 2020, she launched a campaign called Black Men Deserve to Grow Old; originally established as a short-term campaign to honor her brother, it has now become so much more; and

WHEREAS, in November 2021, she lost her life partner to interracial gun violence and since then, all her efforts have taken on new life and energy, with Black Men Deserve to Grow Old becoming her life's mission; and

WHEREAS, today, Jermia Jerdine is focused on educating her community, fighting to protect the mortality of Black men, and working to bring change; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Jermia Jerdine upon her recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud her outstanding community leadership, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.